



**Board of Commissioners of Cook County  
Minutes of the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**

**11:15 AM**

**Cook County Building, Board Room  
118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**Also Present:** Sims (1)

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

**Chairman Silvestri asked the Secretary to the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Cook County Code.**

No public speakers

[19-6759](#)

**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the meeting of 10/22/2019

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner S. Morrison, to approve 19-6759. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner S. Morrison, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to convene executive session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**The Committee met in Executive Session**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to reconvene regular session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6671

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Shakman Compliance Officers Quarterly Update

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Britton, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to receive and file 19-6671. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6676

**CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY REPORT**

Civil Rights Section

October 16, 2019 - November 7, 2019

Conflicts Counsel Unit

July 28, 2019 - October 25, 2019

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6676. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6706

**SPECIAL STATE'S ATTORNEY'S INVOICES FOR APPROVAL**

*Prince v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 2952

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm  
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 1**

*Velez v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 8144

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm  
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 2**

*Gray v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 2624

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Kenneth M. Battle and the firm  
of O'Connor & Battle, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 3**

*Brown v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 17 C 8085

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Michael W. Condon and the firm  
of Hervas, Condon & Bersani, P.C.

**Tab Item No. 4**

*Bless v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 4271

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Burton S. Odelson and  
the firm of Odelson Sterk, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 5**

*Brown, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8085*

*Howard, et al. v. Cook County, et al., 17 C 8146*

*Diana Caloca v. Cook County , et al.*, 17 C 9056

*Madeline Ramos Cook County, et al.*, 18 C 00274

*Falguni Dave v. Cook County, et al.*, 18 C 2949

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Christina M. Egan and  
the firm of McGuire Woods, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 6**

*DeLeon-Reyes v. Rey Guevara, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 1028

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and  
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 7**

*People v. Vernon Lauderdale*

Case No. 08 CR 14331

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and  
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 8**

*Lefkowitz v. S. Justin Brown, et al.*

Case No. 18 L 12474

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Elizabeth A. Ekl and  
the firm of Reiter Burns, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 9**

*Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.*

Case No. 18 L 6752

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and  
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

**Tab Item No. 10**

*Illinois v. Grambling*

Case No. 18-003100

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and  
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

**Tab Item No. 11**

*Illinois v. Weston*

Case No. 90 CR 16376 & 91 CR 640

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and  
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

**Tab Item No. 12**

*Administration of the Electronic Monitoring Program, and*

*Taphia Williams v. Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 C 1456

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Richard Gleason and  
the firm of O'Mara Gleason O'Callaghan, LLC

**Tab Item No. 13**

*Stewart Title Guaranty Company v. Nicholas Grapsas, et al.*

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the  
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

**Tab Item No. 14**

*Robert Garduno v. County of Cook and City of Chicago*

Case No. 2015 L 4520 and 2012 P 3203

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John H. Scheid, Jr. and the  
firm of Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered.

**Tab Item No. 15**

*Shakman v. Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County*

Case No: 69 C 2145

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Jeffrey S. Fowler and the  
firm of Laner Muchin, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 16**

*Derrick Williams v. Village of Calumet Park, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 5198

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney Robert R. Cohen and  
the firm of Frankel & Cohen, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 17**

*Squeo, Anthony v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 18 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 18**

*Shyne, Martenia v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 19 CH 12385

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 19**

*Shaffer v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 15653

*Jackson v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 14378

*Garrett-Williams v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 19 CH 840

*Bridges v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*, 18 CH 15535

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 20**

*Beauchamp, Marquis v. Thomas Dart.*

Case No. 19 CH 8869

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 21**

*Sheppard, David v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 19 C 296

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 22**

*Beltran, David F. v. Thomas J. Dart*

Case No. 19 CH 9268

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Monica Burkoth and  
the firm of Johnson & Bell, LTD.

**Tab Item No. 23**

*Percy, Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 15 C 5919

Case No. 14 L 6617

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and the firm  
of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 24**

*Stephanie Zugschwert v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No. 17 L 10368

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney James M. Lydon and  
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 25**

*Lanahan v. Blanchard, et al.*

Case No: 16 C 11723

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Brette Bensinger and the  
firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP.

**Tab Item No. 26**

*County of Cook v. Wells Fargo & Co., et al.*

Case No. 14 C 9548

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney Steven M. Puiszis and  
the firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP.

**Tab Item No. 27**

*Hartison v. Sheriff of Cook County*

Case No. 18 L 3398

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 28**

*Zaborowski, et al. v. Sheriff of Cook County, et al.*

Case No. 08 C 6946

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 29**

*Percy Taylor v. Sheriff Dart, et al.*

Case No. 13 C 1856, 13 C 6512, 15 C 5919

Case No. 16 CH 4127

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 30**

*Sorrentino-Berger v. Murphy, et al.*

Case No: 18 L 1927

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item No. 31**

*Reyes v. Sgt. Hiessen, et al.*

Case No: 18 C 330

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item A**

*Lukasik, et al. v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 10893*

*Loveless v. Thomas Nortman, et al., 18 L 13585*

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item B**

*Strickland v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 19 C 2621

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for

Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC

**Tab Item C**

*Johnson v. Brown, et al.*, 17 C 6249

*Johnson v. Taylor, et al.*, 18 C 5263

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item D**

*Melongo v. Podlasek, et al.*

Case No: 13 C 4924

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item E**

*Castro, et al. v. Dart, et al.*

Case No: 19 C 0471

In Re: Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the  
firm of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item F**

*Patricia Hicks v. Cook County Sheriff's Office, et al.*

*Jasmin McBride and Lorenzo Smith v. Cook County  
Sheriff's Office, et al.*

Case No. 15 C 6852 and 17 C 4951

In Re: Review of Attorney Fees and Expenses for  
Special State's Attorney John J. Rock and the firm  
of Rock, Fusco & Connelly, LLC.

**Tab Item G**

**A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to approve  
19-6706. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6677](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Azavar v. Cook County Threatened Litigation*

**Case Number:** (Pre-litigation)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6677. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6678](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Michael Parish, et al. v. Dart*

**Case Number:** 07 C 4369

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6678. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6679](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Gustavo Cortes v. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 8757

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6679. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6683](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Mixan, Cory v. Dr. Evan Greenbaum, et al.*

**Case Number:** 19 C 5399

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6683. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6687](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Antoine Palton (Est. Deborah Ann Palton) vs. Cook County, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 3834

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6687. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6688](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Jariah Richardson, a minor by her Guardian Devon Bank and Nichole Moore, Individually v. County of Cook, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 3439

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Vice Chairman Lowry, to concur with the recommendation of the State's Attorney 19-6688. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6692](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Cases related to Percy Taylor v. Dart*

**Case Number:** 2017 IL App (1st) 143684-B

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6692. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6696](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Garduno v. City of Chicago, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L 3834

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6696. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6700](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *State of New York, et al. v. United States Dep’t of Health and Human Serv., et al*

**Case Number:** 19 C 4676

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6700. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6701](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State’s Attorney’s Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Report on Outside Counsel Invoices

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6701. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

[19-6705](#)

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State’s Attorney’s Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** Appointment of Outside Counsel

**Case Number:** N/A

**A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to**

receive and file 19-6705. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

19-6814

**PROPOSED LITIGATION PENDING**

**Department:** State's Attorney's Office, Civil Actions Bureau

**Request:** Refer to the Board and/or the Finance Subcommittee on Litigation

**Case Name:** *Cook County v. Purdue Pharma, et al.*

**Case Number:** 17 L. 13180

A motion was made by Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Degnen, to receive and file 19-6814. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Lowry, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

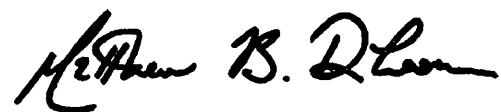
Ayes: Silvestri, Lowry, Britton, Degnen, Johnson, S. Morrison and Suffredin (7)

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman



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Secretary

A complete record of this meeting is available at <https://cook-county.legistar.com>.